

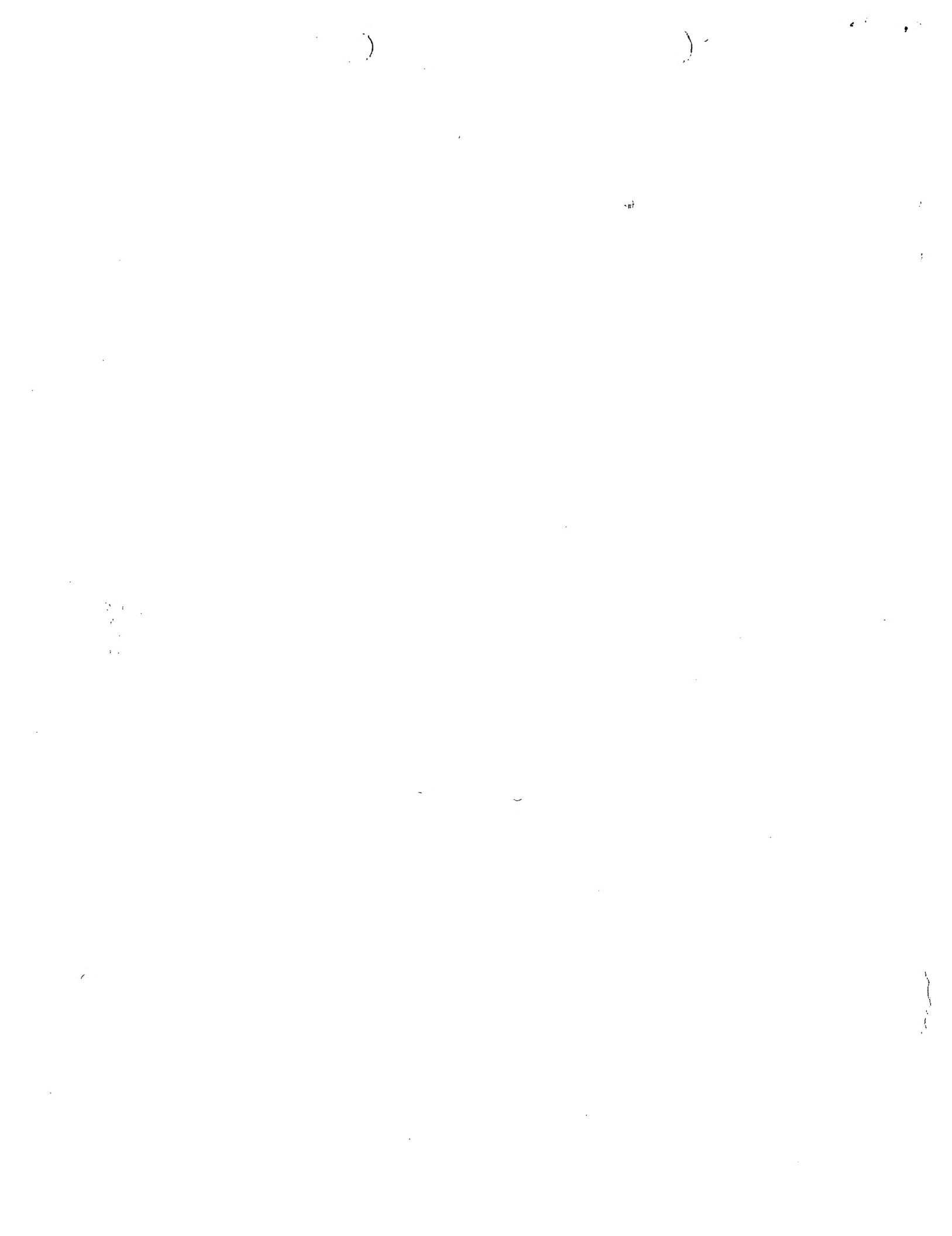
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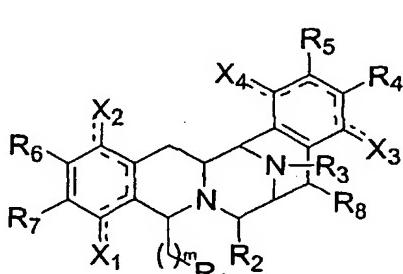
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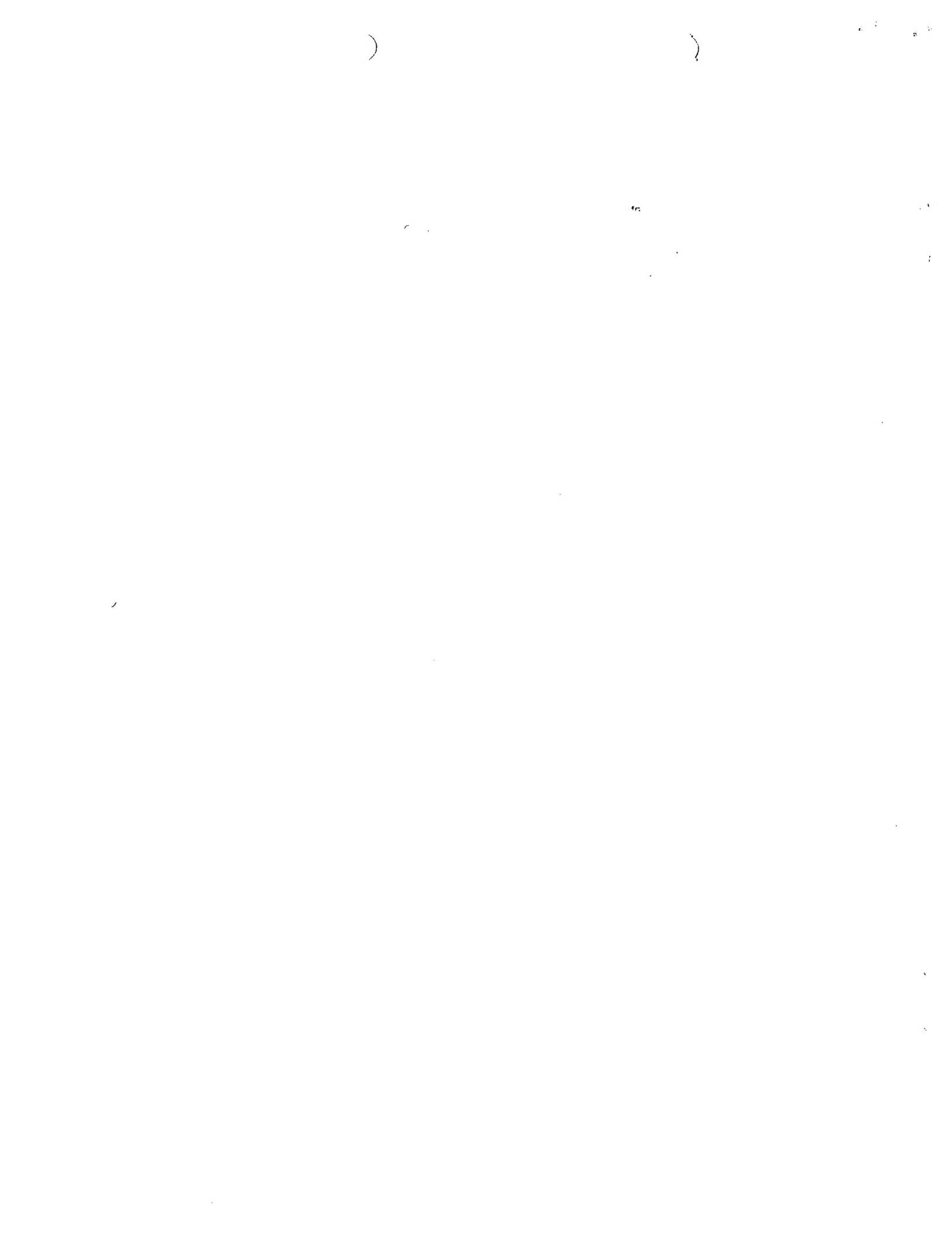
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(54) Title: SAFRAMYCINS, ANALOGUES AND USES THEREOF



(I)

(57) Abstract: In recognition of the need to develop novel therapeutic agents and efficient methods for the synthesis thereof, the present invention provides novel compounds of general formula (I), and methods for the synthesis thereof (I). In another aspect, the present invention provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound of formula (I) and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. In yet another aspect, the present invention provides methods for treating cancer comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) to a subject in need thereof.



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PCT/US 01/47399**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)**

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

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1. Claims: 1-2,4,6,8,10,12-18,21-32,65-75 (all part); 3,5,7,9, 11,19,20,33-64

Compounds of formula I in which X₁/X₂ and X₃/X₄ are all bound to aromatic rings

2. Claims: 1-2,4,6,8,10,12-18,21-32,65-75 (all part)

Compounds of formula I in which X₁/X₂ and X₃/X₄ are not all bound to aromatic rings usefull as active agents

3. Claims: 76-82

Preparation of compounds of formula I

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